

15 Minutes of Fame...

with Spc. Derrick L. Barnes
114th MP Co.

Busy Bee — the quiet man of GTMO

Interview and photo by
Spc. Michelle M. Scsepko
The Wire

Q: Good afternoon, kind sir. Would you like to be this week's 15 Minutes of Fame?

A: Hmm... Well, I don't see why not.

Q: Well, let's start out simple then. Where are you from and what do you do back home?

A: I'm from Mississippi, and I work in an automotive plant.

Q: Wow, you went from working with cars to guarding detainees — a big difference. How do you feel about your mission here?

A: Honestly, I think my mission here is pretty simple. But just like building cars, it is important here to pay attention to detail and to be patient.

Q: Well, patience is a virtue. Before you got here would you have considered yourself a patient person?

A: I was somewhat of a patient person before, but being here definitely taught me how to be a lot more patient.

Q: So, how would you describe yourself?

A: I am a quiet, wise man.

Q: Since you're such a wise man, may I ask what kind of advice do you have for people deployed here?

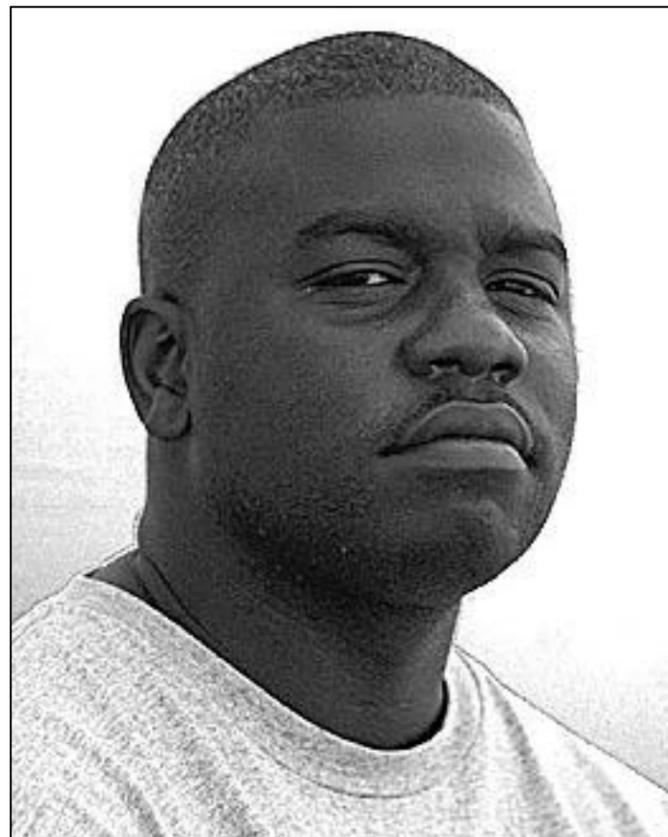
A: Enjoy yourself while you're here. Make the best out of this experience.

Q: Words to live by. Do you have a nickname, or is there something special the people here call you?

A: Well, my friends call me "Busy Bee."

Q: Interesting. Any particular reason why?

A: Nope, that's just what they



Spc. Derrick L. Barnes, more than just a soldier — a wise man.

call me — "Busy Bee."

Q: Okay, that works for me. If you could change one thing about life at GTMO, what would it be, and why?

A: I'd have to say communications.

Q: And when you say that you mean...

A: I think it should be easier for the troops to call their families at home.

Q: And whom do you like to reach out and touch?

A: Excuse me, reach out and touch?

Q: Sorry, I meant whom at home do you like to call?

A: Oh, my wife and my mom.

Q: And what do you do for fun down here?

A: Read the Bible mostly, or go to the gym.

Q: Not much of a partier, I gather?

A: No, not much.

Q: If your experience at GTMO were to be turned into a movie, what would the title be?

A: That's a tough one. Maybe we should come back to that one.

Q: Not a problem. So, what was the most difficult adjustment for you to make when you arrived at GTMO?

A: I'd have to say getting to

the latrines late at night. It is always a trek to get out of bed, get dressed, and make it there.

Q: Definitely sounds inconvenient to me. So, what is going to be the first thing you do when you get back home to good old Mississippi?

A: Take a bath. Six months of showers gets old. A good home cooked meal would be nice too. And I'll take my kids to Chuck E. Cheese's.

Q: Nothing like pizza and a huge rodent to lift your spirits. No, but seriously, what have you learned from being here?

A: I learned a lot about the little things. Most importantly I learned how to be a more patient person.

Q: Has anything strange or unusual happened to you since you began your mission here?

A: Nope, not that I can think of at the moment.

Q: Not many people here can say that. So, if a hurricane were to hit GTMO and you were going to be trapped in a hurricane-proof bunker with two people from your company, who would they be and why?

A: I would have to say Army Sgt. 1st Class Blackman and Army Sgt. Davis. I would choose them because they're a lot like me — quiet. They are also good listeners and listen to people regardless of their rank.

Q: Sounds like a wise choice. So, what kind of music do you like to listen to?

A: I like R&B, blues, and rap.

Q: Well, it has been nice chatting with you. Lastly, I'd like to ask how do you feel about your 15 Minutes of Fame?

A: Well, I think it's good for everyone to have the chance to express themselves. I guess this was just my time.



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New CSM, for now...

Command Sgt. Maj.
Clayton temporarily
takes the reins

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Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony D. Clayton of the 160th Military Police Battalion was in a state of shock when he got the word: he would be the temporary command sergeant major of what will soon be known as Joint Task Force GTMO.

"I thought at first that they were kidding," he said, "but I welcomed the opportunity and I welcomed the challenge."

So Clayton should have no problem filling his new role during operation Enduring Freedom — given his undying motivation and positive outlook.

"I like a good challenge. I like to go into a position I've never been in and see if I can make a difference," said Clayton. "If I can accomplish just one thing that will be an improvement for the servicemembers here, then I will have achieved my goal."

Looking to make that difference during his short tenure as the top NCO of JTF 160/170, Clayton's

main focus will be the servicemembers themselves and what ways he can better their deployment.

"The thing I would like to accomplish is to boost the morale of the servicemembers of the Joint Task Force by improving their quality of life," he said. "For example, I would like to see better living conditions for the soldiers living out at Camp America and Camp Bulkeley. I would also like to see improved working conditions for the troops that are out at Camp Delta."

And with not much time to work, Clayton has moved fast to ensure that the wheels of improvement will be in swift motion when his successor arrives.

"All of these concerns have gone up the chain of command," he said. "Command Sgt. Maj. Etheridge from SOUTHCOM has been here visiting and we've identified these changes, things that many servicemembers have already put up their chain of command, such as upgraded MWR facilities. So things will get better, if not for this rotation, then definitely for the next one."

Change is good, according to Clayton, who sees the merging of

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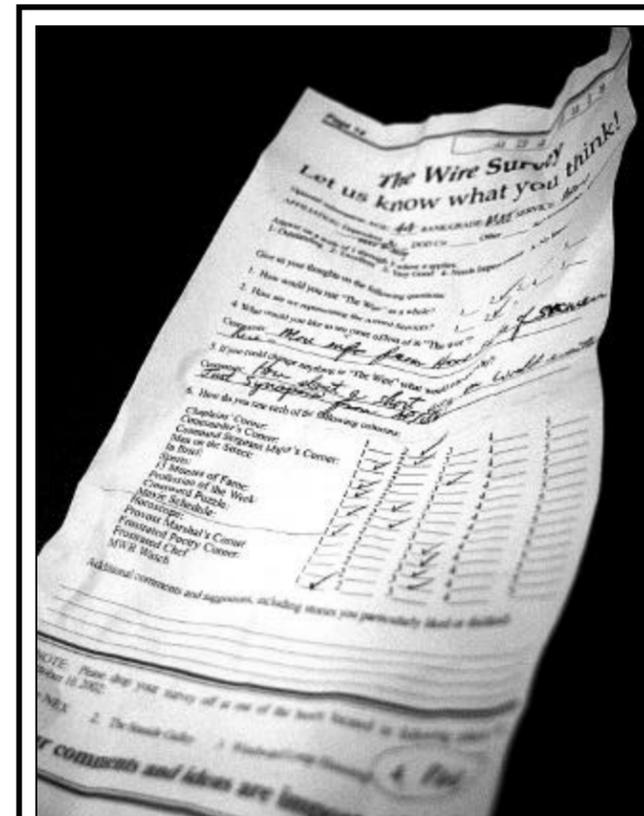


Photo by Spc. Chris S. Pisano

Remember me?

Two weeks ago, The Wire put out a survey, hoping our readers would fill it out and give us feedback on what we could do to improve the paper. We can count on one hand the amount of surveys we actually got back. You had your chance...and you blew it. Now enjoy what you've got.

A look inside...



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"A Day in the Life" comes to GTMO

On October 22nd, at 0001 local time across the globe, over 125 of the world's top photojournalists, including thirteen Pulitzer Prize winners, will join forces with the world's top military photographers to create an historic portrait: A Day in the Life of the U.S. Armed Forces. **A team will even be visiting us here at Guantanamo Bay.** It will be the latest in the best-selling photojournalism series which includes A Day in the Life of America, which sold over a million copies and was on the bestseller list for fifty seven weeks.

On locations in fifty-five countries, working through all twenty four time zones, they will be on a mission to create the most compelling, indelible and revealing images of an ordinary day in the U.S. military and the extraordinary contributions and sacrifices America's armed forces are

making during this critical time in world history. From a day with the Secretary of Defense to a new Marine recruit at Paris Island, a solo reconnaissance pilot flying a high altitude mission over Central Asia to a military city at sea conducting carrier operations in the Indian Ocean to a military maternity ward welcoming the newest member to a community larger than many nations. This is a portrait of unique culture.

This is not a book about the latest military equipment and tactics. It is a timeless human-interest story of responsibility, dedication and determination by a band of brothers, sisters and families, doing what they do better than anyone else in the world, 24/7/365. Like the previous A Day in the Life books, its release in late April, 2003 will be a major media event covered by all the major broadcast networks and publications.

The oversize book with the

300-plus best pictures selected by the country's most experienced photo editors will take its place on coffee tables, book shelves and libraries around the world, including the Library of Congress and an exhibit at the Smithsonian. This project will be a photographic time capsule of America's latest generation to respond to its country's call to arms in defense of its traditions.

Each picture truly will be worth a thousand words and the book will have only brief captions and no text. Like the previous projects, the video coverage of the making of this historic event, with its cast of thousands that knows no boundaries, will be critical to introducing the book to millions of people who might never have known about it otherwise.

For more information, please contact Army Capt. Annmarie Daneker at 5017.

Commander's Corner



JTF-160/170 Commanding Gen. Michael E. Dunlavey

After seven months here at GTMO as commander of JTF-170, it is my privilege to assume command of a unified JTF-160/170 until Maj. Gen. Geoffrey Miller takes over as head of JTF-GTMO next month.

The position is only temporary, but let me assure you this interim will not be a mere holding pattern. I have already begun to address problems old and new with the detention operation here, from the quality of the food to the difficulties of merging commands that have developed separate cultures and ways of accomplishing our mission. We must all look for ways that JTF-160 and JTF-170 can come together, not just in structure but in spirit, and make sure that JTF-GTMO represents yet another step forward in the evolution of the critical and historic mission ongoing here in Guantanamo Bay.

Those who have served with me at JTF-170 already know that I am aggressive when it comes to leadership. My aim in the coming weeks is to be proactive, not reactive, and deal with issues before they become real problems - problems that hamper the effectiveness of our mission. I put my soldiers first, and the information Command Sgt. Maj. Clayton and I crave most from section and unit leaders is what the command can do to make their people's lives better and their work here more efficient and effective.

It is a real honor to be in command of the soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen of JTF-160 and JTF-170 who are so ably serving their country here in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and the global war on terrorism. Please do me the further honor of helping me to lead you better by taking up any issues you have with your chain of command.

I assure you I am listening.

Sincerely,
Maj. Gen. Michael E. Dunlavey

Provost Marshal's Office

Registering your POV

It's getting to be "GTMO Special" time again, as departing servicemembers look to pass on their functional clunkers to new arrivals needing wheels. But if you buy a new car, remember:

Registration of Privately Owned Vehicles (POV). The following documents are required in order to register a POV: (1) Proof of Ownership, such as a Bill of sale, registration certificate, or title, issued or assigned to the person in whose name the vehicle is to be registered. (2) A valid driver's license. (3) Proof of liability insurance for a period of at least six months.

Transfers of Registration. Within three days of transfer of ownership of a vehicle, the new owner shall apply for transfer of the registration to his/her name, and comply with all the requirements for registering a POV. Vehicle registrations and safety inspections are performed by NAVBASE Police at the Motor Vehicle Registration Office, located next to the Police station on Boatshed Road. Persons found to be operating unregistered or uninsured vehicles shall be subject to NAVBASE GTMO administrative actions and unit disciplinary action under the UCMJ.

Notice: A 25" TV/VCR set, Model #T25208, Serial #B421NA597 is missing from 1510A in East Caravella. Anyone having knowledge of its location, please contact the JTF-160/170 Provost Marshal at 5057 or 5061. Calls will be kept confidential.

— Army Maj. Gary J. Cipolletta, Deputy Provost Marshal

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Sports

W. T. Sampson sinks NAVSTA

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The young ladies from the W. T. Sampson High School soccer team blanked NAVSTA 3-0 at Cooper Field Tuesday night, improving their record to 3-0 in the standings of the women's soccer league.

W. T. Sampson played aggressively in the first half. They seemed to be able to bring the ball down to enemy territory and make shots on goal at will.

The well-coached and well-disciplined team obviously knew what they had to do to win the game.

Their strategy involved pushing the ball up field and forcing NAVSTA to defend their goal.

Sampson striker Page Gamm dictated the tempo of the game from the start. She played very aggressively in the opening minutes and had six shots on goal (with one hitting the cross bar) by the end of the first half.

NAVSTA's game plan quickly became more defense-oriented. Their goal was merely to slow down the high-powered offense of W. T. Sampson.

NAVSTA was able to keep them from scoring in the first half, but by choosing to play more defensively they hurt their own chances to score, getting only four shots on goal. Both teams went to the sidelines scoreless at the end of the half.

"NAVSTA is playing more defense than offense in the first half of the game. They are trying to keep us from scoring. Maybe they



Page Gamm eludes a defender as she maneuvers her way towards the goal and takes a shot.

want to keep the game tied so the game can go into a shoot-out and then they can try to beat us then," said Buddy Gamm, head coach of the W. T. Sampson team, said afterward.

Gamm said W. T. Sampson had to control and protect the ball in the second half if they wanted to win the game.

"We were not passing the soccer ball very well in the first half. They were able to handle us because we were not taking care of the ball. That is something we have to work on at practice. But in the second half we'll change a couple of players in the lineup to see if we can spark up the offense," said Gamm.

As the referee blew the whistle to start the



W. T. Sampson's Jessi Percin (L) converges on the soccer ball and sets up teammate Page Gamm (R) for one of her six shots on goal in the high school team's 3-0 victory over NAVSTA.

second half, W. T. Sampson's team looked rested compared to NAVSTA, who didn't have any substitute players on their roster.

This would eventually hurt NAVSTA as the game progressed.

Indeed, the lack of manpower on NAVSTA's team eventually took its toll. W. T. Sampson's super sophomore, Shanavia Warfield, scored a goal with 7:13 left on the clock, putting her team on top and in control of the game.

With that goal, W. T. Sampson had NAVSTA against the wall and in a compromising position. NAVSTA now had to pick up its offensive productivity.

This tactic would ultimately make NAVSTA's defense weak and give W. T. Sampson more opportunities to score.

Warfield was able to get open with her savvy footwork, and she scored another goal with 2:23 left on the clock.

The team was really confident after the score and they were now smelling blood and going for the kill. Victory was near for the young phenoms of W. T. Sampson. They were working the game clock by keeping NAVSTA from getting to ball upfield.

As the game was coming to an end, they scored one more goal to secure a win and first place in the standings.

"I'm just happy to get the win. I think we wore them down and were able to score. They didn't have any substitutes," said Coach Gamm.

The lack of substitutes, and of course the great play of Warfield and Page Gamm, contributed to NAVSTA's loss.

"It felt good scoring two goals for my team. I just went with the flow of the game. We have a good team this year and we should do fine in the league," said Warfield.

W. T. Sampson is playing as projected for the season. Not only are they winning against older competition, they are having a good time and enjoying the game of soccer.

"It was great winning the game and NAVSTA is a very good team. It was lots of fun playing tonight," said Page Gamm.

The league can't take these young guns from W. T. Sampson lightly — they came to play, and they came to win it all.

Soccer standings

Women's soccer

W. T. Sampson	3-0
Hospital	2-1
571st MP Co.	1-2
NAVSTA	0-3

MWR Watch

Safe computing tips from J6

Story by Marine Corps Master Sgt. Benjamin Philhower Special to The Wire



Photo by Spc. Jean-Carl Berlin

In a chat room? Watch what you're typing! You never know who's out there.

"INCOMING!!" shouted the sentry, as the first salvos started to arrive. They came seemingly from nowhere — innocent-looking e-mails announcing opportunities for free gifts, help for all manner of ailments, or even hellos from unknown persons around the world. The wrapper seems plain enough, but hidden inside these "junk" e-mails are often malicious pieces of computer code, designed to weaken our national defenses.

These viruses can perform a variety of actions, from inserting extra files on your computer and leaving it open for others to share, to actually stealing information. These programs can even record the very keystrokes you enter on the keyboard. Remember that chat you had with a loved one last week? Someone else may

have gotten quite a laugh out of it too. That e-mail you sent, talking around the last "big mission" you had? It's on its way around the world via Al-Jazeera.

These may sound like extreme cases, but they are simply reminders that our information resources are constantly under attack. The attacker may only be a "script-

kiddie," or novice, out to learn what they can do with a computer. Or it could be the work of serious anti-American computer experts, bent on the modification, theft, or destruction of information resources. Each month, over 1,000 probes, scans and attacks are registered against DoD networks.

Preventing these attacks, and mitigating the effects, depends on the concept of defense-in-depth. Each segment of the network has its own layers of protection, detection and recovery.

At the border of each base, we utilize hardware and software to create firewalls, filtering the content and the addresses that can enter our protected domain. At the domain level, we utilize more software (Norton Anti-Virus, for example) to screen out specific types of files. But the most important part, the reaction force, kept in reserve to crush the enemy, is the User!

The user is the most important part of our defense in depth, because they're the active players. They're the enemy's way in.

Users need to be aware of what they are doing when using government computers.

This Week

The Captain's Cup Men and Women's Division Volleyball Rosters are due at GJ Denich Gymnasium NLT 5PM on Monday, Oct. 21. The Men's Soccer Season will start on Monday, Oct. 28 and the Women's Soccer Season will start on Oct. 29.

*Saturday, Oct. 19: An 8K "Volksmarch" along the Northeast Gate and Cuban perimeter, cameras allowed. Buses leave from Marine Hill at 0630. First come, first serve.

Please contact Capt. Gormly or Maj. Buchanan at #5217 for more information.

* Daily Free Daytime & Evening Lessons for Sailing, Kayaking, and Motor Boating at Pelican Pete's Marina.

* Aerobics Classes, Marine Hill Gym, Mon., Wed., and Fri., 6AM-7AM, 8:30AM-9:30AM, and 5:00PM-6:00PM.

* Tae-Kwon Do, Marine Hill Gym, Mon., Wed., and Fri., 11:30AM-12:30PM, and 6:00PM-9:00PM (one hour classes) Tues. and Thurs. 6:00PM-9:00PM.

* 1-on-1 Spinning Classes, GJ Denich Gym, Mon., Wed., and Fri., 6:30PM-7:30PM.

* Yoga Classes, Tues. - Thurs. 5:15PM-6:15PM, GJ Denich Gym Yoga Center.

* Bowling, Marblehead Lanes, Mon.-Fri., 11AM - Mid night.

* Pool Hours: **Marine Hill Pool:** Open Swim, 6AM-6PM, daily; **Windjammer Pool:** Lap Swim, 6AM-8AM, Mon.-Sat., Open Swim, 10AM-6PM Mon.-Sat., 6AM-8AM & 10AM-6PM, Sun.; **Deer Point Pool:** Open Swim, 11AM-7PM, Mon.-Fri., 10AM-6PM Sat. & Sun.

Friday, October 18th

7PM-12PM, Friday Extreme Bowling, Marblehead Lanes.

Saturday, October 19th

6:30AM, Volksmarch to NE Gate (see above). Dawn Fishing Tournament, Pelican Pete's Marina.

Sunday, October 20th

1PM, Football Sundays, Goatlocker. 1PM-6PM, Extreme Bowling, Marblehead Lanes. 6:30PM, Bingo, Windjammer Club. 7PM, Spades Tournament, CBQ Liberty Center.

Monday, October 21st

8AM-12PM, Adult Ceramic Classes, Ceramic Shop. 5PM, Captain's Cup Men's and Women's Division Volleyball Rosters Due, GJ Denich Gymnasium.

Tuesday, October 22nd

6:30PM, Bingo, Windjammer Club.

Wednesday, October 23rd

9AM-11AM, and 6PM-7PM Adult Advanced Pottery Classes, Ceramics Shop. 7PM, Cricket Classic XIII Dart Tournament, CBQ Liberty Center. 8PM, Karaoke, Windjammer Club.

Thursday, October 24th

6PM, Bowling Party, courtesy of CBQ Liberty Center.

Computer Security Guidelines

1. Do not open attachments from unknown senders.
2. Scan files you receive from friends.
3. Never download software from the Internet to a government computer.
4. If the computer acts strangely, (new windows, messages about a different user, etc.) notify the J6 Helpdesk at x3534.
5. Become familiar with where your data is, and check it occasionally to verify it.
6. Never share your password.
7. Use strong passwords (combine Upper, lower, numeric and or special characters).
8. Always log off or lock your computer when you leave your desk.
9. Leave the machine turned on (turn off monitor) at night for admin updates.
10. Read and respond, or take action as directed by, System Administrator messages.
11. Do not save data on your local computer; use the net work drives provided.

Looking to buy a new car? A house? Want to know where to get advice on saving or investing your money? Need to know how to balance your checkbook or develop a spending plan? Call Paul Walker at the Fleet and Family Support Center. Paul is a financial-services specialist and can answer these questions and many more concerning you and your money. **Call Paul today at #4141 or #4153.**

Profession of the Week

Boat Engineers

Story and photos by Spc. Jose A. Martinez The Wire

GTMO's boat engineers play a vital role in keeping its waters safe. "If the boats are not maintained, force protection goes down," said Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class David W. McCormick of PSU 307. "We maintain and fix everything the unit has that is mechanical. We're here 24 hours a day, maintaining their motor vehicles, trailers, generators and boats."

To earn their MK (mechanic) rate, these dedicated Coast Guardsmen have to go through 11 weeks of training to learn how to fix and maintain both diesel- and gas-powered engines. They have to learn how to fix any boat engine on the fleet, but at GTMO they



Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Lester Swafford gets his hands dirty as he changes the fuel lift pump on an outboard engine.



Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Mark D. Sundbom installs a terminal strip for the components on a 20-foot Boston Whaler.

work mostly on the twin 175-horsepower outboards that power the unit's 25-foot Boston Whalers.

And they're constantly learning new technology. "I remember the time when a screwdriver and hammer would fix the problem," said McCormick. Now we carry a laptop for the computer controlled fuel systems and our electronic components on the boats. Regardless of newfangled technology, the boat engineers keep the PSU 307 ready to patrol the GTMO waters.



Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Joe Dabamo

"It's a lot of fun working on the boats. The maintenance we give them is essential to the mission, and I think it speaks for itself."



Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Mark D. Sundbom

"The electronic system on the boats we have here is less complicated than on the cutters, but I don't care what it is. I just enjoy fixing things."



Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Lester Swafford

"I do this in the civilian world. Being an mechanic comes naturally to me. I do my job to the best of my abilities so PSU 307 can complete its mission."



Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Harold Roebuck

"I love working on boats; in my civilian job I build them. I joined the Coast Guard to learn how to work on these engines so I can fix my boats and go fishing all day."



Of Marines and mortars...

Motivated Marines Lance Cpl. William Kennedy, Lance Cpl. Robert O'Bryant and Cpl. Chris Stalder of the Marine Corps Security Force Company took a break from their usual duties to partake in 60 mm mortar training on Wednesday at Marine Hill. The Marines were training to rapidly and expertly set up an M224 Mortar after the coordinates of their target have been relayed to them via radio. The 60 mm Mortar is intended to destroy by curved-trajectory fire. It can be used against light armored targets to create a smoke screen and terrain illumination. So if such a situation arises here at GTMO, these Marines will be ready for it.

Photo by Spc. Chris S. Pisano



Frustrated Poetry Corner

by Spc. Joseph A. Morris

Do you lead life,
Or does life lead you?

Maybe reality is fiction
And all lies are true.
Could it be before you ever started
You figured all hope was through?
BECAUSE IT'S NOT.

Maybe life is an appetite in which
You hit the spot.
Maybe life is like cancer in which
You caused the rot.
IF THAT COULD BE
You found your way through the darkness,
When you couldn't even see.
You fight your way through dismay
While scared people flee.
Through thick and through thin
On your side I will be.
I LOOK UP TO YOU.

Movie Schedule

DOWNTOWN LYCEUM	CAMP BUCKELEY
Friday, October 18 8 p.m. Spy Kids 2, PG - 99 min 10 p.m. Master of Disguise, PG - 80 min	Friday, October 18 8 p.m. Juwanna Mann, PG13 - 91 min 10 p.m. The Sum of all Fears, PG13 - 119 min
Saturday, October 19 8 p.m. Serving Sara, PG13 - 100 min 10 p.m. Blood Work, R - 111 min	Saturday, October 19 8 p.m. The Accidental Spy, PG13 - 98 min 10 p.m. Hannibal, R - 100 min
Sunday, October 20 8 p.m. XXX, PG13 - 114 min	Sunday, October 20 8, 10 p.m. The Widomaker, PG13 - 138min
Monday, October 21 8 p.m. Signs, PG13 - 107 min	Monday, October 21 8 p.m. Novocaine, R - 95 min
Tuesday, October 22 8 p.m. Spy Kids 2, PG13 - 99 min	Tuesday, October 22 8 p.m. Like Mike, PG - 100 min
Wednesday, October 23 8 p.m. Serving Sara, PG13 - 100 min	Wednesday, October 23 8 p.m. Gentleman's Game, R - 112 min
Thursday, October 24 8 p.m. Austin Powers 3, PG13 - 94 min	Thursday, October 24 8, 10 p.m. Tomb Raiders, PG13 - 101 min

Crossword Puzzle

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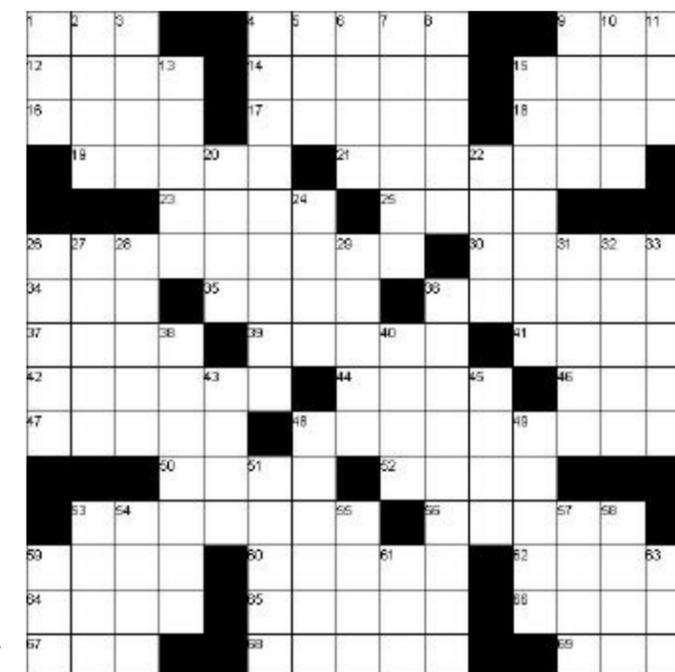
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- 9 South by east
- 12 Iran's neighbor
- 14 Italian city
- 15 Vessel
- 16 South American country
- 17 Make used to
- 18 Challenge
- 19 Tangle
- 21 Tryst
- 23 Quoth
- 25 Hole
- 26 Kind and gracious
- 30 Crypts
- 34 Hatchet
- 35 Unattractive
- 36 Antenna
- 37 What dogs sit on
- 39 Jalopy
- 41 Asian dress
- 42 Scarce
- 44 Way
- 46 After sun.
- 47 Map collection
- 48 Yelling
- 50 Rank
- 52 Bridge
- 53 Wetland plant
- 56 Bad smells
- 59 Sharpen
- 60 Howled
- 62 Wail
- 64 Waterless
- 65 Plentiful
- 66 Approach
- 67 Explosive
- 68 Looks for

Down

- 1 Clip
- 2 Greek god of war
- 3 Fiber
- 4 Grinning
- 5 Attach
- 6 Astringent
- 7 Hardest to find
- 8 Proposal position
- 9 Cob
- 10 Floating ice
- 11 Before, poetically
- 13 Similar
- 15 Programs used to modify files
- 20 Prego's competition
- 22 Lug
- 24 Myth
- 26 Light weight wood
- 27 Correct
- 28 Asian nation
- 29 Dryad
- 31 ___Vice (tv show)
- 32 Lord
- 33 Catapult
- 36 Diametrical opposite
- 38 Growled
- 40 Rowers needs
- 43 Russian ruler
- 45 Noodle
- 48 Bun topping
- 49 Noted
- 51 Large brass instru-

ments

- 53 Came into life
- 54 Piece
- 55 Publicity
- 57 Swamp grass
- 58 Scorch
- 59 Derby
- 61 Deer relative
- 63 Nose



Man on the Street

Compiled by Spc. Chris S. Pisano and Spc. Jean-Carl Bertin

This week's question:

What movie title would best describe you as a person?



Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Steve Boyce, SEABEE 5

"Mission Impossible 2."



Air Force Airman James R. Andrews, J-6

"Air Force One."



Marine Corps Sgt. Jarret Boren, MCSF Co.

"Desperado."



Army Sgt. 1st Class James Russell, 43rd MPBN, J-6

"Gladiator."



Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Robert Legnaioli, JTF 160/170 Mail room

"Full Metal Jacket."

J-8: Ensuring you get paid on time, correctly

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Being deployed to GTMO is tough enough without having to do it for free. "The mission of J-8 is to make sure servicemembers here are paid timely and correctly," said Army Sgt. Michael Lackey, with the 153rd Finance Battalion and working for J-8 of Joint Task Force 160/170. "We don't want our servicemembers to be worried about their pay while they're focusing on their mission."

That has been the challenge for J-8.

J-8 is divided into two sections, with one taking care of finance issues, and the other dealing with budgets.

The finance office is located on the first floor of the Pink Palace. This is the location where servicemembers can come with their questions and to address pay issues.

"All servicemembers are welcome to come to us with their pay problems," said Army 1st Lt. Rhonda Stevens, 153rd Finance Battalion, the officer in charge of J-8 finance section. "Our main job here is customer service."

"We are qualified to help solve any pay issues related to the Army personnel, but we can also help the other servicemembers research pay problems through the Defense Joint Military System," she said.

J-8 can help with Leave and Earning Statements (LES), Servicemember's Group Life Insurance (SGLI), Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), Hardship Duty Pay and Basic Housing Allowance (BAH).

J-8's procedure to address servicemembers' issues and inquiries is simple.

"When people come to see us, they have to fill out pay inquiry forms and other necessary documents stating exactly what their pay



1st Lt. Rhonda Stevens, 153rd FBN, the OIC of J-8 finance shop, works the office's busy phones.

problem is. This helps us find out what's going on," said Lackey.

"After collecting the necessary forms from our clients, we go to the Defense Joint Military Pay System to further analyze the issue. Based on our findings, we make corrections," he said. "We have been fixing problems that have been neglected before many of our servicemembers were even mobilized."

The most common issues, said Lackey, are BAH and Family Separation pay.

"Sometimes people come to us with LESs that have "0" for their zip code and "0" for dependents. Once we get the necessary documents from them, we get into the system and fix that," he said.

In addition to responding to inquiries submitted by servicemembers here on base, J-8 is entrusted with another important task.

"We are responsible to input into the computer system Hardship Duty Pay for all the



Army Sgt. Michael Lackey, 153rd Finance Battalion, left, explains to Army Pfc. Brandon Stanley, right, from the 43rd Military Police Battalion, the various transactions that occurred in his leave earnings statement for the past few months he has been here at GTMO.

reserve servicemembers," said Lackey.

This is a challenging task for J-8 because after 30 days in theater, reservists at GTMO are entitled to hardship duty pay. To help end some confusion, Lackey said for reservists to know that they have received their HDP, it will say Other Credits - \$50.00 on their LES. For active duty personnel, it should read Save Pay - \$50.00 on their LES.

Army Sgt. 1st Class Robert Ruth, also of the 153rd Finance Battalion and the noncommissioned officer in charge of the shop, praises the efficiency of the base-wide computer system, which is used for financial inquiries and data entry. Twice a week, he or another staff person from his office goes to Camp America to address the soldier's issues in person.

"Now, I can go to Camp America and tell a soldier what is wrong with his LES before getting to my office," said Ruth. "When I get to my office, all I need to do is resolve his prob-



Army Pfc. Amanda Taylor, 153rd Finance Battalion, reviews a servicemember's pay inquiry.

lem to the best of my ability."

Ruth, who has been in the Army for 19 years, said that servicemembers should know how to read their LES. One of his goals is to schedule a class schooling servicemembers about in the ins and outs of their paycheck.

For Army Pfc. Amanda Taylor, who recently joined the battalion, working for J-8 helps her better understand the many intricacies of the finance process. She said that she is learning a lot about reservists' pay system, which is different from the system used for active-duty personnel.

Taylor comes from a family that knows about finance. Her father and two of her brothers, who are still in the Army, worked as finance specialists. So military finance was a natural path for her to follow.

Though new to the finance world, she finds her job gratifying. "I like helping soldiers getting their money. It's very important. If had a pay problem, I would like it to be resolved quickly."

The J-8 finance section, which is mostly run by the personnel from 153rd FBN, used to be under the leadership of Navy Chief Petty Officer Loretta Jackson, who continues to share her finance experience with the soldiers of the 153rd. She seems confident about the work of the Army personnel.

"Now, J-8 should be able to assist any servicemember," Jackson said. "We're all here to support them. We'll go that extra mile."

For the best service, Lackey said that all servicemembers should check their LES through the EMSS site, which is now being replaced by myPay, a newer and more enhanced system.

"The more prepared they come to us, the easier it is for us to fix their situation," he said. "But in any case, I want people to know that when they come to me, I'll do my best to square them away."

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JTF-160 and JTF-170 as a smart move.

"The merger was a good idea because it will bring all of the services together," he said. "Being on the same page can only make life better. There'll be more resources now, which will mean more can be accomplished. I would like to see more consistency, and I believe that will happen now. The chains of command and NCO support channels will be strengthened because we'll have better communication."

Although comparisons might be drawn between this new leader and the man he has replaced, the legendary Command Sgt. Maj. Raymond W. Funaro — that will not "hem up" Clayton, who knows the job just as well.

"I admired the way Command Sgt. Maj. Funaro took care of the servicemembers. He had a presence throughout the task force," said Clayton. "But I intend to also have a presence in following his footsteps as far as taking care of every soldier, sailor, airman, Marine and Coastguardsman, because they are my main concern."

And while you won't see Clayton ceremoniously smacking a private in the head with his cover like his predecessor did, he will carry on nevertheless with his own style of command



Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony D. Clayton of the 160th MPBN is the temporary command sergeant major of Joint Task Force 160/170. During his short stay in this position, Clayton hopes to boost the morale and quality of life of all servicemembers.

by following the Golden Rule.

"Do unto others as you want others to do to you," is what I say. I lead by example. I wouldn't ask anyone to do something that I haven't done myself," said Clayton. "I have an open door policy, and I like to see servicemembers learning as they go."

That learning, he said, comes from effort. And Clayton's advice to all servicemembers is to never give up in the face of difficulty.

"For all of the lower enlisted, they should strive to be the best in whatever they want to accomplish, and they will get there. And for the NCOs, they are the backbone of all of the services," said Clayton. "This is how we get things



Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony D. Clayton checks in with Navy Chief Marcia Cunningham to see the status of her work and state of her morale.

done. The fact is we want to continue to have an atmosphere where NCOs can step up, do their jobs and execute. This system works, and we need to continue maintaining such high standards for the JTF."

Such an attitude is what has kept Clayton at the top of his game for some time now.

His reserve unit, the 160th MPBN from Tallahassee, Fla., was originally activated for duty in Afghanistan last Christmas but, in a mysterious military way, ended up spending around five months at Ft. Benning, Ga. While there, the time was spent training until the 160th eventually arrived at GTMO to become the battalion in charge of running Camp Delta. And this being Clayton's first deployment since being in the reserves, he said it has been better than he could have expected.

"I hope this isn't my last deployment either, because this has been something different than anything I've been through before," he said. "It's been a very rewarding experience. But this deployment has been real good to me because of the professional people I've come into contact with, whether it be the lower enlisted, NCOs or officers. When the people under you do a job well done, it makes it easier for people in my position."

Even with his last few weeks here at that top enlisted spot, Clayton is still thankful to see the light at the end of the deployment tunnel.

"I really look forward to going home and seeing my family and returning to my job," said Clayton, a mental health program analyst for Florida State Hospital.

He'll be returning a changed man, he said. "This deployment has changed me in that now I notice the little things are the ones that are the most important. I've gotten into PT quite a bit since I've been here, and I've really bettered myself. This deployment has also made me realize the importance of the military as a whole, that we all have our part."

And with the current global war on terrorism being a significant historical cornerstone for the military, Clayton is glad to be here in the relative thick of it.

"I'm very proud to be playing a part in operation Enduring Freedom, but I never dreamed that it would be in this capacity," said Clayton. "It's really something to look back on and be able to tell families, communities and the rest of the citizens. We're down here making a difference."

Every servicemember that's a part of this joint task force has been making a difference, and Clayton is striving to make some more with his new role. It's been a long road for him, and looking to the future, he sees the coming JTF-GTMO as setting the standard in military operations.

"Good things are to come," he said. "With time, I believe that this operation here will evolve into a one of the better joint task forces in the entire military."

On shift at Camp Delta:

The Wire's thoroughly scrubbed, J-2 approved, shift-by-shift series kicks off with

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On a uniformly gray Tuesday morning in Camp Delta, at an exact time which I cannot divulge, Sgt. Rodney Bishop's shift in the sergeant-of-the-guard (SOG) tower is starting, and it has just begun to rain.

Down below in MP-land, the guards patrolling the camp's main aisles have donned ponchos. The cell-block gatekeepers are settled into their tiny lean-tos as the light drizzle slowly darkens the gravel. Up here, the drops tap out a lazy steel-drum rhythm on the tower's tin roof, and Bishop, a soldier with the 2/142 infantry company, is pulling my leg about his foul-weather contingency plan.

"If it gets wet in here," he says, "I just go downstairs to the QRF (the Quick Reaction Force area, where the tower guards spend the other half of their shift) and wait it out." He laughs. "No, no. You just stow the log book in the box to keep it dry, get on your gear if you brought it, and go on doing what you're doing. Rain or shine."

What Bishop is doing, now and for the next hours, is acting as the hub of the detention area's tower-based monitoring system. Towers are spread at strategic locations throughout Delta and Delta II, with more due to come online when Camp III becomes operational; towering above them all is the centrally located Tower 2, the SOG tower where Bishop mans the radio, taking calls from the other towers and deciding which reports need to be passed along to the 2/142's communications shack in Camp America.

If the towers are the eyes of Delta, looking down at the camp and out beyond the walls, the SOG tower is its brain. And with little in the way of trouble plaguing this tightly run detention center, Bishop's post is the closest thing the towers have to a hotbed of activity.

"It can get to be frying times when you got both radios going, and everybody's calling something in," says Staff Sgt. Billy J. Bryley, who will be taking over for Bishop when his shift is up. "But it's usually nothing too bad."

"Yeah, some guys'll call in a gnat flying by," laughs Staff Sgt. John C. Worthington, a platoon sergeant with the 2/142. "It's nothing but 'Alert, alert, alert.'"

Worthington and Bryley have shown me up to the tower, and have stuck around a while to chat with Bishop and fill me in on the job. But before long, they bid us farewell and go on to other duties down below — tower guard is a solitary job, and except on days when there is a pesky writer from *The Wire* hanging on his every word and noting his every movement, Bishop is up there all alone.

"A while back, we had two of us in each

tower," he says. "It was better in a way, having somebody to talk to. But it also took twice as many guys to do the job; we were all working twice as hard. So when we got permission from the JTF to go down to one in a tower, we went ahead and did it."

"That's why I like being the SOG. Overall, SOG is the most exciting tower," Bishop says. "You're getting talked to all the time, logging reports, coordinating everything. It makes the time go faster. It —"

He cuts himself off. Five minutes before the hour. Time for the radio check.

"All towers, all towers, this is SOG," says Bishop. Radio check."

"Tower 1 roger out."

"Tower 3 roger out."

"Tower 5 roger out."

"Tower 6 roger out."

"Tower 7 roger out."

"Tower 8 roger out."



The loneliest job in Delta: A guard with the 2/142 infantry mans his post on the camp's perimeter.

"Tower 9 roger out."

"Tower 10 roger out."

"QRF roger out."

Bishop pauses. Tower 2 is him, but... "Tower 4, this is SOG. Would you try that again?"

"Tower 4. I got you."

Tower 4 is one of the "new guys" — the 1/22 of the 4th Infantry Division, active-duty soldiers out of Fort Hood, Texas that arrived last weekend to supplement the 2/142 crew in their ever-increasing list of force-protection responsibilities here at GTMO. They have all been here before — and in fact those here now volunteered to return — but after four months, some of the procedures have changed, and the new infantrymen are still making a few minor adjustments to the 2/142's way of running force protection from the towers.

"We're still working some of the bugs out, but it's better already having them here," Bishop says. "They're picking it up fine."

"Once you get down the basic stuff, there's really nothing else," he says. He pauses, listens to the radio for a moment, then presses the button to transmit.

"SOG to QRF. Can we send somebody to Tower 10 to relieve for a bathroom break?"

I ask Bishop if anything crazy ever happened on his watch.

"No, nothing. Just cell extractions, when one of the detainees has been acting up or needs to go to the detention hospital," he says. "We've been trained in that too, so if we're in the QRF we're ready and if we're in the towers we're watching extra close for trouble. Those are the hot moments. But nothing's ever really happened where we've had to get involved from up here."

I look down at the camp. Here and there, detainees are on the move — toddling along in their shower shoes, shackles on their wrists and ankles and an MP guard on each arm, zipping by on the back seats of golf carts, their escorts keeping them in place with an arm across the waist and a gloved hand gripping the arm-rest across from them. I think of *Seinfeld* — the "stop-short" move. It is not a scene that suggests trouble is in the offing.

"The tower people do have their rules of engagement," Bishop says, gesturing meaningfully to the M-16 hanging from a clip on the six-foot-square tower's inside wall. "When there's something going on, like detainees being brought into the camp, you try to line up angles of fire in case the people on the ground need that support — in case the detainees get the best of the guards."

"But the only real mishap we'd have to deal with from up here is if there's mishandling down there by the MP guards. And that

602nd Maint. Co. delivers their part

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When duty called, Texas delivered.

The 602nd Maintenance Company from Fort Hood, Texas, is an active-duty unit consisting of mechanics, supply specialists, machinists, technicians and vehicle operators.

Responsibilities for this unit include ordering and tracking parts, dispatching and tasking vehicles, to maintaining those vehicles when they're in need of repair.

"I've spent the last four of my thirteen years in the Army working as a supply specialist with the 602nd," said Staff Sgt. Michael Sanders. "Here at GTMO, we deal with maintenance of all vehicles and organization of the parts that keep those vehicles running."

"We order parts for all the types of vehicles you see roaming the base, including maintenance vehicles, 5-tons, HUMVEEs and buses," he said. "We have a good system, so we can get any required parts, fast."

"Our job here at GTMO pretty much follows a routine," said Spc. Jeremiah N. Proctor. "We place the order, and the parts come in every time the barge comes in."

Performing a routine job well is nothing new for most of these troops.

"Technically, this mission here is similar to the work we do back home at the warehouse," said Sanders. "But at Fort Hood, we support different units and deal with a wider area of work responsibilities. We deal with many more different parts."



Spc. Jeremiah N. Proctor orders vehicle parts with a computerized system.

"My tasks here are similar to those back home where I'm working out of the warehouse issuing parts," said Proctor.

But for some of the soldiers from the 602nd, their assigned tasks here aren't so similar to the work they did back home.

"Back at Fort Hood, I work as a mechanic fixing vehicles," said Spc. Shane M. Golay. "When I got here, they had me working maintenance fixing a fleet of 5-ton trucks. But they ended up training me to drive buses, and now I strictly run the bus route."

Not that change is always a bad thing. Sometimes you have to get up and out of your everyday routine to really open your eyes.



Staff Sgt. Michael Sanders searches through the inventory to find a match for a HUMVEE headlight.

"I enjoy being a mechanic because I love the work," said Golay. "But it's nice meeting a lot of people every day on the bus. In that way, it's better than working in the motor pool with the same group of people all the time."

When the Army called upon the 602nd for assistance, they answered the call with more than enough highly motivated soldiers to perform what needed to be done down here.

"JTF-160 asked for the personnel they needed from our unit, and we supplied it," said Proctor. "Originally we came down with 25 troops, but half the crew has been sent back to Fort Hood already."

"Some of our troops got sent back home for having no work down here," said Golay. "But they kept a hold on our mechanics and a few supply guys."

"At times the job can get stressful," said Sanders. "But we have to keep the vehicles running and make sure the mission keeps rolling."

One more difference from Fort Hood: here at GTMO, the 602nd soldiers have had the unique opportunity to work in a joint environment, where the servicemember standing next to you might not have done a pushup since Basic Training.

"At GTMO, we're performing our mission combined with different units from different branches of the service," said Sanders.

"There is a good blend of units working together at the motor pool here," said Proctor.

"It's a good learning experience to get to work with guys from the other services," said Sanders. "Hopefully these guys will take back with them some things that they've picked up from me."

"It's been a different experience working in the motor pool here with the different branches of service," said Golay. "They did the job using their system, and we took care of business using ours. But we've all ended up coming together and cooperating, and every-

thing's worked out very well so far."

No matter the difference of insignia on an individual's uniform, one thing is known in the maintenance game: if you fix something right the first time and take every job with a "one shot, one kill" mentality, it will lead to a smoother and more successful operation as time passes by.

"In the beginning, we were busy ordering a lot of parts because many vehicles were breaking down," said Sanders. "But the guys in the motor pool have been doing a great job keeping all the vehicles up, running and mission-ready. That's made everything easier."

Motivation and pride have carried them this far, and confidence will carry them throughout the rest of their tour here, even when the going might get tougher.

"Now, with JTF-160 and JTF-170 joining together, there will be more vehicles for us to worry about and more parts that have to be ordered," said Proctor. "But we've been doing a great job of holding things down, and that won't stop with the merger."

"Coming here and supporting JTF's mission has been all right," said Golay. "We'll be here doing whatever jobs they have for us until we leave, and then we're gone."

"I'm proud to be part of this mission," said Sanders. "I think we've been doing an outstanding job."

All good things seem to come to an end, so unfortunately proud moments do as well. But for these active-duty troopers, it's all about moving on with positive inspiration and motivation that's high, always ready to accept what the future holds for them.

"I'm looking forward to getting out of here and heading back to Fort Hood," said Proctor. "But since 9/11, we've been deploying a lot, so I'm sure it won't be too long before we're back out and at it again."



Spc. Shane M. Golay, who started out working maintenance, now drives the bus routes of GTMO.

OPSEC: critical mission keeping us safe

J-2 fights the good fight to ensure good operational security is maintained

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"It's better to be safe than sorry," said Army Capt. Eric Carlson of J-2. "We try to prevent anything from being put out that could be used against us."

In a nutshell, that is one mission of the servicemembers that work in the J-2 shop of what will soon be Joint Task Force GTMO: making sure that operational security is not compromised.

"We're responsible for security of the JTF," said Carlson. "We look at certain force protection issues, operational security and analyze intelligence. We look at all aspects of intelligence coming in and out of the base, and given what intel we have, see any weaknesses that we have."

"We do intelligence gathering from multiple sources and put the pieces of the puzzle together to try to figure out how close is the enemy to coming toward us at GTMO," said Sgt. 1st Class Roger Brisson of J-2. "We also look at vulnerabilities of the installations on post and try to figure out what ways they can be compromised and we take the steps to protect the soldiers who work there. We give the commander this information so that he can base his plans on protecting us."

"Examining likely targets is the work of our analysts and counter-intelligence personnel," said Carlson. "We look from the terrorist's point of view, how would he get in, and figure out ways of fixing anything that needs to be fixed."

Another important job of the J-2 is making sure terrorists can't go through our trash.

"Certainly burning the trash is a critical mission," said Brisson. "From papers dealing with servicemembers' coming and going to supply orders, they are destroyed to protect them from any unperceived enemies that might try to gain access to them."

"Any hard copies of any material that have names and numbers can be used by the enemy," said Carlson. "That's a mission we've accomplished really well."

And while everyone serving within the joint task forces here has an important role, the mission of J-2 is immense even in the grand

scheme of things.

"This is a critical mission," said Brisson. "Information like your credit card bill can be used to gather intelligence on the strength of the personnel down here and what our capabilities or vulnerabilities are. Every little piece of information is another part of the puzzle, and the more little pieces terrorists get, the easier it is for them to get the whole picture and thereby come up with a plan of attack, whether it's to repatriate their comrades or kill Americans."

"We have to assume that there are operatives gathering intel on us," said Carlson. "Cuba is listening. They know what we do. And if they know, it's possible that someone else knows. We're surrounded by a communist country, which monitors everything we say or do as far as radio transmissions, computers, the Internet, even phone lines. People need to watch what they say."

That means walking a fine line between classified information and harmless chitchat. Because sometimes the littlest things can have the biggest consequences.

"When in doubt, don't say it," said Carlson. "You're privy to information that not every-

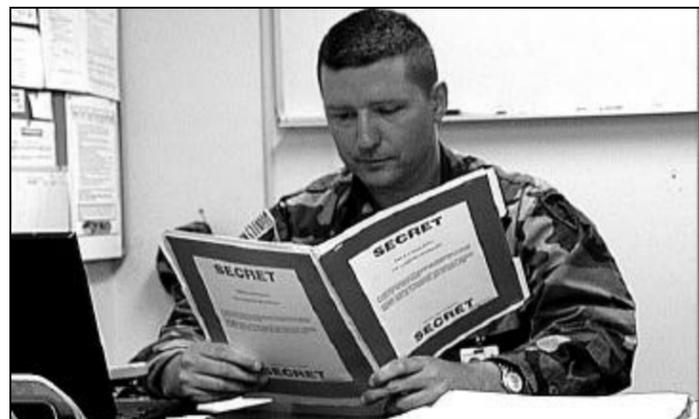


Photo by Spc. Ivey N. Hodges
Army Sgt. 1st Class Roger Brisson of J-2 examines a secret document, which in the wrong hands, could spell certain doom for the U.S. and the war on terror.

think OPSEC is improving all the time," Carlson said. "We have counter-intelligence people within the camps that handle a lot of OPSEC issues, because the guards especially have to watch what they say. The detainees can hear them, and sometimes they'll say something and the guards will be trying to figure out how they found that out. But the guards have been good out there."

Performing such a vital mission is no walk in the park, especially when that park is littered with potential ammo for the enemy. And all through the merging of the two Joint task forces and difficulties that come with that, the mission of J-2 must continue.

"With the merger of the JTFs, the J-2 will be very spread out, but we're still doing the same job," said Carlson. "It's very tough, almost impossible, to have 100 percent operational security, but we focus on the important things and try to do the best we can."

Despite the difficulties, the servicemembers in the J-2 shop are proud of the job they're doing.

"I'm proud to be an American, I'm proud to be in the United States Armed Forces and I'm proud to be here on deployment as a citizen-soldier serving my county in its time of need," said Brisson. "Safeguarding sensitive information is one of the more important jobs I could be doing here."

"This is stuff that we'll tell are grandchildren about," said Carlson. "It's a real positive to actually be a part of the operation handling the detainees."

And while Carlson may be proud of his success so far, in the end J2 depends on everyone else practicing good OPSEC.

"Operational security is an ongoing struggle, because it's human nature to talk about the things that we do," said Carlson. "And in some cases, we have to go against human nature, which is not an easy task. But there are still people out there that want to hurt us, so servicemembers need to be careful and not become complacent."

one needs to know, don't let anyone know. When you're e-mailing or on the phone with a loved one, be conscious of what you're saying, because you may know things that in the wrong hands could hurt you, your family, the United States and the war on terrorism."

And so the members of J-2 rely on every other servicemember here to practice good OPSEC, which at this point they're doing very well, said Carlson.

"With this many troops it's tough, but I



Photo by Spc. Ivey N. Hodges
Army Sgt. 1st Class Roger Brisson of J-2 empties burn bags into an incinerator.

hours in the tower

a day in the life of the 2/142 infantrymen with the bird's eye view.

hasn't happened."

"If I have to use that weapon, there's a serious problem. A lot has gone wrong. Other than that, we're in the safest place in the world."

I look around. The rain has stopped, leaving the tower dry and the air thick with moisture and perfectly still. A squadron of dragonflies chugs by the tower, passing over the cell blocks in apparent formation. That inimitable Delta smell, I suddenly realize, isn't so bad up here.

The aluminum guard on the tower's ladder begins to shake — we have a visitor. It is Capt. Jason C. Beaty, the 2/142's company commander, paying Bishop and I a visit. He gives me a grin and a thumbs up. I ask him how the day's going.

"It's a routine day for the tower guards," he says. "They're up here day and night, 24 hours a day, watching the camp. Sometimes it's uneventful, sometimes there's activity. Today's been pretty quiet."

He and Bishop chat a while about the supplementing 1/22, who are now staffing nearly half the towers. "It's working out well," Beaty says. We all lean over the rail for a minute, watching as a detainee with an amputated foot is wheeled back to his cell after a trip to the clinic. Beaty turns.

"Boy, it's humid today," he says, as a drop of sweat rolls off the end of his nose. He bids us goodbye, gets back on the ladder, and descends out of view.

Down in the camp, it's now lunch time. Two soldiers hump boxes of MREs (vegetarian, I'm guessing) into the cell block area from a palate outside the gate. Guards begin to filter toward their eating area toting white styrofoam to-go boxes. Below us, we hear a voice calling up — it's Staff Sgt. Robert W. Reese, telling Bishop it's time for chow.

Bishop ties the gray NEX shopping basket

he keeps in the tower to a long green rope and lowers it over the side. Reese puts two meals in the basket — I am being treated to lunch as a guest of the tower people — and we hoist up the day's lunch: chicken, vegetables and a dinner roll, with carrot cake for desert. Not bad at all.

I am munching away when Bishop's radio crackles. "That's how I know it's lunch time," he says, smiling and shaking his head. He puts his food back down and tends to the business at hand: an unidentified ship, barely discernible in the haze, has aroused the concern of one of the towers at the edge of the camp.

After a few minutes of listening to all the towers weigh in over the radio, and a few peeks through his binoculars, Bishop silences the other towers with a report: "All towers, all towers, you have, out in the waters, a Coast Guard cutter and a merchant vessel."

The assents roll in: "Roger out." "Roger out." "Roger out." "Roger out." It's over.

"Most of our exciting action comes from the outside," Bishop explains between bites of chicken. "People taking unauthorized pictures. Unescorted migrant workers. We have had boats in our waters that are unrecognizable. We call it in to our office, they call it in to the Navy skywatch, and it goes as far as it has to go from there."

"My favorite moment was when the jets flew over prior to Sept. 11," he says, looking up at the sky. "Two fighters just roared over. Made the soldiers feel good. And the detainees started yelling 'Allah,' and I'm thinking, 'he ain't gonna help you.'"

"The time spent in the towers can really wear you out," Bishop says. "You ask any of the guys what they'd rather do, towers of patrols, they'd say patrols. But it's not so bad. It's an opportunity to think about things, to understand things." He catches me yawning in the steamy air. "Sometimes you got to fight

the Z-monster, but you just fight it."

"The thing to remember, if there's nothing going on, if it's boring, that's good," he says. "Nothing going on means people down there are doing what they're supposed to be doing."

hours after it began, Bishop's time in the SOG tower is done. Now, he explains, he heads down to the QRF to stand ready there for another hours of on-call "down time," just in case something bad *does* happen and the infantry is needed.

But nothing is happening. Bishop neatly piles his flak jacket, LBE belt and Kevlar against the wall.

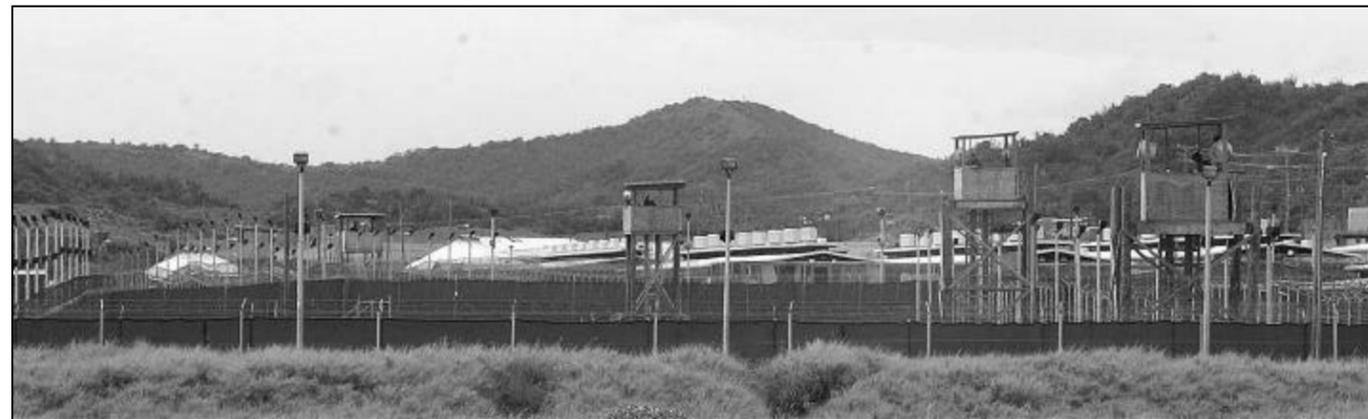
"It's quiet," Staff Sgt. Worthington tells me in the hallway. "There used to be a lot more work for the towers when they were building Camp III; sometimes the contractors would gather outside the fence and sneak peeks inside. But not much lately."

Bishop and a few others mill around the shift board, and he tells me his options — a nap, a movie in the QRF's TV room, or, well, more hanging around, chatting, waiting for his hours to end and set him free for another before it starts all over again.

He and a few others convince a reluctant Sgt. Sammy "General" Franco to make a run up to the Camp America mini-mart for Gatorade and smokes.

"This is it. This is all we do now," Bishop says. "Just be here, just in case." He's not in the mood for a nap, so he joins Reese and a handful of other tower guards for "relaxation time" on the QRF's back steps. The buildings are stocked with shackles, riot gear, weapons both lethal and non-lethal. Outside, gun trucks stand at the ready.

But for the moment, the QRF team consists of a handful of weary sergeants sitting on the back steps, smoking, in a just-regathering rain.



The walls and towers of Camp Delta, as seen from the media observation point through an 85mm lens.



Raymond Waugh, who works in the visual merchandising and resetting department of the Navy Exchange, removes the old fixtures of the commissary shelves Saturday evening before the beginning of the renovation process that will help the NEX better serve civilians and servicemembers at GTMO.



Kent Hurt, one of the highly skilled personnel sent by the Defense Commissary Agency, checks out the classification of the items displayed on the new shelves.



Cecilio Brigola, who works for the Navy Exchange on a part-time basis in maintenance and stocking, arduously applies the strength of his muscles to rip into pieces a corrugated box whose contents have been emptied during the renovation of the commissary.



NEX employee Anthony Cohen meticulously rearranges the items that were removed for the renovation of the commissary shelves Sunday morning.

Ainsley Gordon, an employee of the NEX, carefully checks out the bar code of the items that are displayed on the brand new shelves Sunday afternoon during the renovation process.



New-look commissary for fast, easy shopping

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When you go to the Navy Exchange commissary, you are going to notice some changes in the classification and placement of your favorite items. Do not panic! It's not the NEX's intention to get you confused. This change is part of a rigorous renovation process to better serve you, said commissary manager Beverly Prater.

"We are reorganizing the commissary for easier shopping," said Prater. "Some items that were on the left will be moved to right. But everything will be where it's supposed to be. For example, when you go to baking, all items related to baking will be together."

She also said that the installation of new fixtures will allow the store to add more new items that are constantly in demand by the patrons.

"This is the final phase of the renovation we started a year ago. Now, everything is new. We are proud to do it. It's the community's only place to shop, and now we've made it better," she said.

The job required a lot of manpower. The Defense Commissary Agency selected highly skilled and experienced personnel from major private-sector manufacturers such as Procter & Gamble to come to GTMO for this wall-to-wall renovation. And from Saturday evening to Tuesday morning, NEX and DECA employees put their skills together to remove outdated fixtures and replace them with new ones.

After installing the new shelves, they worked day and night to ensure that the new item classifications made good logical sense and would provide fast and easy shopping for all customers, whatever they came in to buy. "We're very happy to have finished with it all," said Prater. "We hope everyone else likes it too."